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SUBJECT: MTN: TARIFF BASE RATES/BASE DATE TECHNICAL
DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE

1. WE MET WITH JAPANESE OCT. 9 AND AGAIN OCT. 17 TO
CLARIFY MAGNITUDE OF BASE RATES/BASE DATE ISSUE FOR
UNBOUND ITEMS. WORKING FROM INFORMAL WORK SHEETS
PREPARED BY THE EC (MTN GENEVA A-274) WE IDENTIFIED 42 TARIFF
LINES WHERE TEMPORARY JAPANESE RATE ON JAN. 1, 1974 WAS HIGHER
THAN GENERAL RATE AND FIVE ITEMS WHERE RELATIONSHIP WAS
UNCERTAIN. JAPANESE INDICATED THEIR TALLY INDICATED
300 ITEMS WHERE TEMPORARY RATE WAS LOWER THAN GENERAL
RATE. THEY SUPPLIED US WITH WORKING COPY OF THEIR
TARIFF RATE INFORMATION FILE AND INDICATED THAT TAPES
RECENTLY SUPPLIED TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT ARE AVAILABLE
TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION. JAPANESE ALSO NOTED THAT
CORRECT JAPANESE TARIFF TO USE IS 1973 TARIFF AS
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THIS WAS TARIFF IN EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1974.

2. ALTHOUGH THE MEETING WAS CONSIDERED TECHNICAL, JAPAN REPEATED THEIR POSITION THAT THE BASE DATE FOR JAPAN SHOULD BE APRIL 1, 1972, AND THAT THE GENERAL RATE BE TAKEN AS THE BASE RATE. SPOKESMAN (HOTTA) ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THIS POSITION DIFFERED FROM THE KENNEDY ROUND IN THAT JAPANESE WOULD NOT USE THE GENERAL RATE WHETHER IT WAS HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THE TEMPORARY RATE. JAPANESE DEL ALSO SUBMITTED FOLLOWING DATA BASED ON JAPANESE POSITION:

CLASSIFICATION	NO. OF TARIFF LINES	PERCENT
1. ALL PRODUCTS	3,504	(100.0)
11. UNBOUND ITEMS	671	(19.2)
	100.0	
1. TEMPORARY INCREASED RATES	48	(1.4)
	7.1	
2. TEMPORARY REDUCED RATES	103	(2.9)
	15.4	
3. UNKNOWN (WHETHER TEMPORARY INCREASED OR REDUCED)	8	1.2
4. GENERAL RATES ONLY	512	(14.6)
	76.3	

SOMETIMES TEMPORARY RATE EQUALS
GENERAL RATE.

MARSH WILL CARRY RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO WASHINGTON.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: VERIFICATION OF 300 ITEMS ON WHICH TEMPORARY RATES LOWER THAN GENERAL RATES, TRADE COVERAGE AND ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. IN BOTH LISTS; COMPARISON OF U.S. POSITION (JAN. 1, 1974 RATES) WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAPANESE (APRIL 1, 1972 RATES). CULBERT

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